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DEPT PLEASE PASS CINCPAC FOR ASSISTANT SECRETARY HOLBROOKE ONLY

DEPT PASS STR ELECTRONICALLY

FOR AMB. STRAUSS, STR; EA FOR GLEYSTEN; HENRY OWEN, WHITE HOUSE
FROM AMBASSADOR

E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: ETRD, JA, US
SUBJECT: US-JAPAN ECONOMIC TALKS

REF: STATE 310056

1. I REQUEST YOUR URGENT CONSIDERATION OF DELICATE TIMING
PROBLEM SET OUT BELOW.

2. I AM HAPPY THAT YOU FEEL CURRENT STATE OF OUR DISCUSSIONS
WARRANT YOUR VISITING TOKYO JAN. 12 AND 13 BUT I AM MOST
DISTURBED THAT PREMATURE ANNOUNCEMENT OR KNOWLEDGE OF YOUR
INTENTION WILL BLOW UP THE ELABORATE SCENARIO THE JAPANESE
GOVERNMENT HAS PUT TOGETHER ON AGRICULTURAL ITEMS.

3. GOVERNMENT HAS ANNOUNCED IT WILL NOT BE REPLY-
ING TO US ON OUR REQUESTS UNTIL AFTER NEW YEARS
HOLIDAYS (THAT IS WEDNESDAY JAN. 4) IN ORDER TO
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GIVE GOVERNMENT OPPORTUNITY CONSULT WITH LDP AGRICUL-
TURAL MISSION VISITING WASHINGTON. WE WILL ALL BE IN
BAD HOT WATER IF YOU ARE KNOWN TO HAVE AGREED TO COME
ON BASIS OF PACKAGE NAKAGAWA GAVE ME DEC. 28, WHEN
THAT PACKAGE HAS NOT YET BEEN DISCUSSED WITH THE
PARTY. HIS ABILITY TO DELIVER US EVEN THAT PACKAGE
WILL OBVIOUSLY BE WEAKENED IF YOU ARE KNOWN TO HAVE

AGREED TO COME. IT IS THEREFORE OF THE UTMOST
IMPORTANCE THAT YOU ASSURE THAT YOUR PLANS ARE NOT LEAKED.

4. PRIME MINISTER PARTICULARLY URGES YOU NOT MENTION
JAPAN IN STATING REASONS FOR CANCELLING YOUR WASHINGTON MEETINGS.

5. I UNDERSTAND MR. ETO OF LDP MISSION IS STILL IN WASHINGTON.
HE HAS STRONG SUPPORTERS WITHIN THE PARTY HERE; IT IS VITAL
THAT WE LET THE JAPANESE SCENARIO PLAY ITSELF OUT. WE WILL
KEEP YOU INFORMED AS TO WHEN PARTY PROCESSES CAN BE COMPLETED.

6. GOJ HAS CONFIRMED ACCEPTANCE DATES OF WOLFF AND STRAUSS
VISITS.

7. SUGGEST DEP. BRIEF USDA ON SENSITIVITY OF ISSUE.
WE WILL ALL BE IN THE SOUP IF THERE IS A LEAK FROM
WASHINGTON.
MANSFIELD

NOTE BY OC/T: NOT PASSED CINCPAC AND STR.

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